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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A) FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS UNDERWAY OR CONTEMPLATED BY EMBASSY IN SUPPORT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES LISTED IN REFTEL B). AN AIRGRAM WITH FULL PARTICULARS WILL BE DISPATCHED LATER THIS WEEK.

2. -- OBJECTIVE I. TACTFULLY URGE UPON SELECTED CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHER KEY SENIOR GOTT OFFICIALS STRONG U.S. DESIRE TO SEE GOTT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP. CONSOLIDATE CONTACTS AND DEVELOP INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH NEWLY-FORMED GOTT COMMITTEE ON CARIBBEAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

-- OBJECTIVE II. STRENGTHEN CAPABILITIES OF EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION AND INTENSIFY CONTACTS WITH BUILDING INDUSTRY AND OTHER SECTORS WHERE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE DEVELOPING.
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OPING. COMPLETE PROPOSALS FOR U.S. TRADE MISSION AND TRADE EXHIBIT ACTIVITIES IN THESE SECTORS. ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY TO ON-GOING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HERE WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE.

-- OBJECTIVE III. INTENSIFY CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES

OF VIEWS WITH GOTT WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH MULTILATERAL ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE NIEO AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER AREAS. DESIGN AMSPEC PROGRAM CONCENTRATING ON NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY FORMULATION. TACTFULLY KEEP MAJOR INITIATIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SIGHT OF GOTT POLICY-MAKERS, AND GIVE QUIET ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO PROGRAMS DEVELOPMENT BY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADHERENTS.

-- OBJECTIVE IV. INTENSIFY INFORMAL CONTACTS AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH RANGE OF KEY PNM AND OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS, AS WELL AS NON-POLITICIANS WHO ENJOY SPECIAL ACCESS TO POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE. ASSURE THAT THESE FIGURES ARE RECEIVING USIS AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS ON U.S. POLICY.

-- OBJECTIVE V. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CIRCUMVENT RESTRICTIVE GOTT RULES ON OFFICIAL EXCHANGE VISITORS PROGRAMS, AND SEEK TO PROMOTE NEW CULTURAL AND COMMUNICATIONS TIES THROUGH "SISTER CITIES" AND SIMILAR MECHANISMS.

-- OBJECTIVE VI. MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SMALL CADRE OF GOTT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT, AND WITH IMMIGRATION POLICY AND OPERATIONS.
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PUT ON STREAM, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IMPORTANT INNOVATIONS NOW UNDERWAY IN EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION.

-- OBJECTIVE VII. CONTINUE TO CULTIVATE CLOSEST POSSIBLE TIES WITH GOTT DEFENSE FORCE OFFICERS, AS WELL AS SENIOR CIVILIANS IN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY. PRESS FOR GOTT PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED U.S.-SPONSORED TRAINING EXERCISES SUCH AS UNITAS, AS WELL AS GOTT CLEARANCE FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF U.S. NAVY SHIP VISITS TO PORT OF SPAIN.
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